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Annual Town Meetings Greenwood vote on land-use rules put off

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The proposed Land Management Standards Ordinance for Greenwood will not be going before voters at the March 28 annual town meeting.

Town selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday evening to re-affirm an earlier decision to hold the ordinance back, with an eye toward presenting it to a special town meeting at a later date.

Board Chair Loretta Mikols said the earlier vote was not an outright rejection of the idea for such an ordinance.

"At our last meeting the Board of Selectmen did not decline sending the ordinance to the people for a vote, what we declined was putting it on this warrant, because there were sufficient problems with the [ordinance] that made it difficult to interpret, created a situation where it is potentially not able to be defended," Mikols told the audience of

nearly 40 people who turned out Tuesday.

But she also praised the effort the planners put into the current document.

"Our Planning Board has worked very hard a lot of hours putting this together," Mikols said. "Not everybody is going to be happy with anything or everything that we do. There is always going to be different points of view."

Petition forces re-vote

That evening's re-vote was prompted by a petition calling for the board to reconsider the matter.

Thirty-one signatures were needed to force the reconsideration, and the petition supporters gathered more than twice that number, 64.

So for more than an hour and a half Tuesday, the selectmen listened to arguments for

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Andover's bottom line could go up 5 percent

By ALISON ALOISIO

If Andover voters approve all the money articles on Saturday's town meeting warrant, municipal appropriations would total approximately \$695,000, up 5 percent from last year's \$660,000.

The primary increases come from the first of three loan payments on a new fire truck, road paving projects, and an increase in winter roads expenses, selectmen Chair Susan Merrow said.

A decline in revenue sharing and other income is also expected. That could mean an increase in taxes, she said.

The Selectboard will provide printed information that details the finances at the meeting.

Meeting highlights, elections

The fate of an old fire truck, the future method for choosing a treasurer, and funds in

the Surplus and Revaluation accounts are among the items voters will consider Saturday.

The following Tuesday, residents will go to the polls to choose from challengers and incumbents for town clerk, tax collector and treasurer. They will also elect a new fire chief.

Fire truck

Residents last year voted to sell an old pumper fire truck (Engine 3), with the proceeds intended to help pay for a new truck.

But since the 2008 town meeting, selectmen have heard from quite a few people who said they did not realize selling the vehicle would leave the East Andover Fire Station without a truck, according to Selectman Trudy Akers.

In addition, she said, "we

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Upton must vote again on school-repair funds

By ALISON ALOISIO

Work on the schoolhouse building returns to the warrant for tonight's 2009 Upton town meeting.

The article is one of 22. If all are approved, municipal appropriations would total \$165,930, down \$21,192 from last year.

Schoolhouse

The century-old schoolhouse was slated for a new roof and other improvements in 2008. Voters had approved \$12,000 for the project, but when selectmen put out a request for bids, there was initially no response, Town Clerk Jim Rector said.

Later in the year, a bid was submitted that was significantly higher than the funds allotted, he said.

Rector now estimates that

a more realistic figure is \$20,000.

In addition to the roof, the building also needs a new foundation under the front porch, handicap access and windows work. An old chimney also needs to come down, he said.

To accommodate the projects, as well as maintenance on the town office and garage, the Town Municipal Buildings Account appropriation request is \$30,000. Of that \$22,000 would be taken from the Surplus Account and \$8,000 from taxation.

Last year a total of \$24,000 was appropriated for the account.

Another account seeing increased costs is the transfer

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Eighth-graders on board for Challenge



High school students in Steve Keane's Telstar Challenge class passed their newly-learned skills on to middle school eighth-graders Friday in the Telstar gym. The program teaches leadership, experiential and community service. One component utilizes group challenges to build the group and provides problem-solving activities to foster leadership, ingenuity, team cooperation, trust and self-confidence, Keane said. Once students solve the challenges that have been presented to them, they in turn team up and assume the leadership by presenting three or four of these challenges to eighth-graders. Here, the group tries to travel a distance with all members working together to move the boards forward. If they fall off, they start over. Here, Holden Bean (left) and Lucus Bellanceau lead the way on the boards. At right student leaders Ben Ward and Greg Kennagh look on.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Drugs dealings near school lead to bust of Florida couple

By ALISON ALOISIO

Information provided to Bethel police about drug dealings taking place next to a school led to the arrest Sunday of a Florida couple on drug trafficking charges.

Wilson M. Downs, 51, and Eugenie Macie, 39, of Ocklawaha, Fla., were both charged with aggravated trafficking in schedule W drugs and illegal importation of illegal drugs.

Police recovered more than 200 pills of oxycodone, a prescription painkiller, as well as other drugs, according to BPD Chief Alan Carr.

Carr said that at 2 p.m. on Sunday BPD Officer George Gould, assisted by Lt. S.R. White and Officer Mike Kel-

ly, stopped two vehicles at the intersection of Chandler Hill Road and Route 26 and arrested Downs and Macie.

Maine Game Warden Sgt. Norm Lewis also assisted.

"This is an investigation that has been ongoing for at least three months," said Carr. "We had information from concerned citizens of drug dealings going on in our community where young children play and next to a school."

He did not specify which Bethel school.

Carr said that the drugs found gave credence to the information that had been provided to the BPD.

"The citizens worked with

Bethel Police Officer George Gould and told him of certain information about the people involved and what they were doing in getting drugs to distribute in our community," said Carr. "This case is still under investigation and there may be more charges coming for the two already arrested."

He also said there may be further arrests.

Carr praised Gould's work on the case.

"George Gould worked diligently on corroborating information from concerned citizens," said Carr. "He did a heck of a job."

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency assisted in the investigation.

Rite Aid break-in

By ALISON ALOISIO

About \$3,800 worth of "items" were stolen from the Rite Aid Store in Bethel in a burglary late Monday night, Bethel Police Chief Alan Carr said.

He said he could not elaborate on what was taken because the case is still under investigation.

At 11:11 p.m., BPD Officer George Gould was alerted by Oxford County Dispatch that an alarm was going off at the store.

Gould, who was nearby in his cruiser, arrived at Rite Aid at 11:12 p.m., but the perpetrator was gone, said Carr.

The BPD is following up on leads in the case, he said.

New 15-year plan for Umbagog Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional director has approved the Umbagog (formerly "Lake Umbagog") National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, according to Refuge Manager Paul Casey.

The plan will serve as a blueprint over the next 15 years for managing wildlife resources, enhancing public use programs, and protecting land within the refuge's expanded boundary.

"This plan represents six years of effort among agencies, communities and other stakeholders. Of the alternatives considered, this approach will

best achieve the purpose and goals of the refuge by protecting the health and diversity of the wetlands and forests of the Umbagog Lake area," said Casey.

The plan and other related information can be found online at www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Umbagog.ccp-home.

Paper copies are available for review at local libraries.

Casey explained that the Service adopted its preferred alternative (Alternative B) with modifications based on public comments it received. In addition to changing the refuge's name to recognize that it en-

compasses areas well beyond the lakeshore, the plan allows the Service to:

Expand the refuge boundary by 47,807 acres within which the Service will acquire land from willing sellers to conserve important wildlife habitat; and

Enrich refuge wildlife-related recreational programs and services, including the construction of a new headquarters and visitor facility.

Refuge staff will begin hosting quarterly meetings to share information and offer opportunities for discussion with neighboring communities.

The first of these meetings will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, at the Errol, N.H. Town Hall.

Additionally, the refuge will take other actions this year to improve outreach efforts to local communities and refuge visitors, such as install-

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Inaugural Dumont Cup here April 11

A year after becoming the world record for fastest air on a quarter pipe, Bethel skier Simon Dumont will return to Sandus River Ski Resort April 11 to host the first "Dumont Cup."

Dumont is a past winner of the ESPN Winter X Games in the quarter pipe event.

The April 11 competition will feature both professional and amateur skiers.

It will take place on the Rocking Chair Terrain Park near Barker Lodge. The course will include a table top jump, a quarter pipe and a rail.

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Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
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Letters

YELLOW JOURNALISM

To the Editor:

The recent sensationalized and truly "yellow journalistic" front page headline has caused me some concern.

I used to think that good newspaper and good reporting had something to do with fair, unbiased and impartial reporting where both sides of an issue are permitted. Shame on you, Mr. Editor, for it appears you would not know fair reporting if it fell out of the sky and hit you on the head.

Now, to the matter at hand: It seems a select group of Greenwood residents have decided under the guise of state mandated comprehensive planning to push their particular special interests.

It is my understanding that comprehensive planning in any area town, township, etc., is an opportunity for the majority, remember that word, majority, to establish meaningful guidelines for future growth. With that said, that growth is to be both economic and environmental. In short, how can we grow in a fashion that takes a multitude of ideas and issues all into consideration for the betterment of "all" and for future generations.

Further, if my understanding is correct, "the friends of Twitchell Pond" seem to believe that certain development, i.e. "ridgeline development," needs to be curtailed and/or stopped as part of the "comprehensive plan." Now, I will agree that the loss of trees on a hillside is less than desirable to look at, but your own state forestry industry participates in this; and trees are a "renewable resource"; they grow back. On the other hand, those residences that tightly cluster around our state's bodies of water and have been there for generations can and do, in many instances, present even more undesirable conditions. New waterfront development is strictly regulated to preserve the pristine nature of the body of water.

How many of the older seasonal properties that have become year-round residences can guarantee me that no hot tub chemicals are leaking into the "public" pond, no erosion, nor septic? Show me where you have to pass any kind of yearly inspection. Bodies of water once damaged are hard and expensive to bring back.

You see, this world, this country, these towns and the land is for all of us. Any comprehensive plan, town ordinance or new rules that are not written for the benefit of the majority, in as many ways as possible, are truly undemocratic, and dare I say, immoral.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my opinion.

Robert Currier

Bethel resident and Greenwood property owner

IT'S NOT ABOUT PONTOON BOATS

To the Editor:

If you are threatened by a contractor and his pontoon boat, you should see how threatening the Land Use Regulations Al Hamilton, David Brainard, and AVCOG are proposing.

If you are a Greenwood resident, please learn the facts from your Town Manager, Kim Sparks. This isn't about pontoon boats, it is about property rights!

I have all the respect in the world for public officials who volunteer their time to serve on these committees; however, if their service is tied to a personal agenda — shame on them.

Ronald Savage, Bethel

Current Greenwood taxpayer and former resident

DAFFODIL DAYS

To the Editor:

"Welcome spring with daffodils!" Today and tomorrow (March 19 and 20), volunteers will be selling daffodils at the Bethel Foodliner from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days campaign.

Daffodils are available in bouquets of 10 blossoms for \$10. We will have a drawing for the 2009 bear from the Boyd's collection, "Carrie N. Hope." Tickets for the drawing are available for a \$1 donation.

Welcome spring by stopping in at the Bethel Foodliner today or tomorrow to purchase daffodils for yourself or loved ones for the benefit of the American Cancer Society. Thank you.

Caroline V. Gould

Daffodil Days Chairperson for the Bethel area

CANCER SUPPORT WEBSITE

To the Editor:

We are a group of seventh-graders who are working on a service-learning project. Some people in our group have been affected by cancer, in one way or another.

We created a website to share our stories and collect the stories of others.

We designed this website to give support to cancer patients and their friends and relatives.

If you would like to help us with this project, please visit our website: www.truecancerstories.wordpress.com. On this website, you can read the stories of other people or add your own story.

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WILD CRITTERS ARE NOT PETS

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again, when all the animals come out from their winter sleep. Like skunks, bear, woodchucks, raccoons, bats and all the others that don't hibernate; foxes, squirrels, flying squirrels, beaver, chipmunks, etc.

Please remember these are not pets. They are wild animals, and the females will be having babies soon.

As Animal Damage Control officer and state Animal Control officer (cell 357-2818), I recommend if you have a problem with animals, wild or tame, to call a licensed A.D.C. for your safety and the animal's safety. We have to keep records of the animals and report it to our region office. If any sick or rabid animals are reported, we know where to pick them up or release them.

For animal control, call your town office. For wildlife, call your regional headquarters, Region D-Strong (778-3324), Region A-Gray (657-2345) and they will give you an agent's phone number. Region D and A are Oxford/Franklin County.

Ozzie Hart
Agent 473

EVERY KICK IS A BOOST

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in defense of the Town Office in Andover. According to the Letter to the Editor in the Rumford Falls Times, dated Wednesday, March 11, 2009, the people in the Andover Town Office are portrayed as a group of unprincipled, unprofessional people that are the organizers of dirty politics. My, my, all this criticism of people that are working there because they have been elected by the townspeople, they are also performing their job duty.

As required by their respective positions, and are always courteous to anyone entering the office or calling on the telephone. All this bad-mouthing of the town personnel, just to promote new people into the positions open for election. These critics are people that really have too much time on their hands. They would do well to find something productive to do rather than focus on trying to destroy others by uncalled-for mud-slinging.

Everyone deserves a chance to try for a position to work for the improvement of a town, and it's good that new candidates want to run for office, that's why we have elections. But to encourage voting for new people by being detrimental to others is not a tasteful way to bring about more votes.

I look at mud-slingers with this in mind: "Every kick is a boost," and when someone picks on you, they leave someone else alone, and just consider the source of the remarks.

So, to all the new candidates, I wish you much Good Luck in this upcoming election. If you get elected into office, I surely hope you will not have to put up with this type of ignorance.

Sandra V. Conrad
Treasurer, Town of Andover

IT'S INDIVIDUALS NOT THE ECONOMY

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the Letter to the Editor "Vote for change in Andover" in last week's Rumford Falls Times.

What has the economy to do with anything? We will be electing individuals who are capable of serving, based on their record of service to the town, and the knowledge of the town's business.

For the last couple of years there has been turbulence, this remark is true, but to insinuate that previous select boards were the cause of the so-called turbulence is a stretch, no it is an outright lie. The truth, all previous select board meetings of the past have always been open to the public, the public was allowed to speak, the public was treated courteously, but certain members of the public verbally abused the select board members causing good people to resign.

In the next paragraph it is suggested the treasurer has processed items before the select board had seen them; before charges like this are made, I would suggest that proof of the statement be given, the treasurer doesn't make any moves to disperse funds without signatures of the select board on the warrants.

These kind of comments about a lady who has served the town for several years as treasurer, doing a good job, is typical of the nonsense that has occurred, since certain individuals arrived in Andover, even old-time residents have gotten caught up in this game of trying to cut down folks who are doing good work for our town. These same people tried to scuttle a grant for a new fire truck that was voted for at last year's town meeting. They have done their best to agitate the fire chief, who is retiring, instead of making life pleasant for him during his last year of service.

One of this group has found his way into the Water District, since then good people, (old time Andover residents) who were on the water board quit, because they couldn't stand the discord; during this tumultuous time over ten fire hydrants were allowed to freeze.

The town clerk/tax collector is also coming under attack, why? Who knows, she has done a good job for the town, is knowledgeable in her job, but for some reason known only to the few she needs to be replaced. The lady in question here also serves as a first responder at fire department, maybe that's why she needs to be removed from her position, ya think?

Well, good luck to all, new and old, who may be running for positions in the town office. May the most qualified win.

Ronald Wells
Andover

SUPPERS FEED THE SOUL AS WELL AS POCKETBOOK

To the Editor:

What wonderful communities we live in. In the past few months there have been a few benefit suppers that have helped bring moral and financial support for members of our communities that are in need. The business community donates to these without hesitation even though economic times are hard. People in these communities give of their time, food, and money, though many of them are experiencing hard times themselves. Local musicians often give of their time to help bring joy to those involved.

On March 7 I witnessed one of these benefits, and I cannot tell you how special it was. As stated above, businesses donated, people came and donated food, items for auction and money. The Funky Red Barn donated their building and staff for use and Jewel Clark, Don Katlin, and Brandon Moore entertained. Through this benefit money was raised to help travel and drugs costs. But in reality, the benefit did so much more than provide financial assistance to a person in need. It provided moral support.

We all go through life not knowing how many lives we touch, then when something like this happens, we are in awe. And such was the case in this benefit. Leslie Robertson was the receptor of such love and support and even now, two weeks later, he still cannot believe it all.

So to all of you, community members, businesses and musicians, know that all you do really does make a difference. The moral boost that this gives is truly unbelievable. Again, what wonderful communities we live in. Thank you.

Linda Smith
Bethel

REMEMBERING VIRGINIA 'GINNY' KENISTON

To the Editor:

The death last week of Virginia Keniston leaves a void in the community. She was a popular and familiar figure around Bethel for many years.

My first memory of knowing her, I think, was in her capacity as librarian at the Bethel Library. It must have been during one of my breaks home from my researches in Canada in the early 1970s that I visited the library. I knew who Ginny was as her husband, Bob, was a member of my mother's Gould Academy Class of 1938 and I recall hearing my mother mentioning her. I also knew she was the daughter of our longtime and kindly mailman in East Bethel, Earl Davis, who was married to Elsie, who also had served as a beloved librarian at the Bethel Library during my younger years. In any case, I remember Ginny was friendly and knowing my interest in history we discussed the library's history collection. Little did I realize then, that in a half dozen or so years, I would be serving as president of the Bethel Library Association and working with Ginny in making major changes in the library's building thanks to some generous foundations and individuals.

Ginny was also very supportive of the Bethel Historical Society. I particularly recall that she was always generous in providing the organization with fine homemade pies for the log-driver's bean supper during the annual Sudbury Canada Days. She was also very helpful in some of our researches into the history of Bethel streets.

Of course, quilts were one of her passions, and we saw her regularly during the quilting group's weekly meetings at the Historical Society. In fact, the last time I would see Ginny was as I was leaving the Dr. Moses Mason House on the Thursday before she died, she was coming in and we chatted briefly about her latest quilt project. As always, she was full of enthusiasm and looking to the future. Those qualities were two of the reasons that she had such an impact upon her family and friends.

Stan Howe
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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Our Back Pages

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10 years ago: About 55 people attended an open house at Whitman Memorial Library to view the work that had been completed on the library addition.

Bethel was formally awarded a \$315,000 federal grant to purchase 19 acres of property adjacent to Col. Dyke Airfield to be used to lengthen the runway.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council hosted a Spring Mud Ball with music provided by the Phil Rich Big Band.

Births: Souix-Ann Tuttle, Cyrena Diane Cox, Zachary Alex Stone.

Deaths: Patricia Learned Thody, L. Evelyn Peare, Alme J. McCollough.

20 years ago: There were 26 men and women involved in the successful Volunteer Involvement Program (V.I.P.) at the Ethel Bisbee and Crescent Park schools.

The Bethel Police Department moved into the world of high tech law enforcement when the selectmen authorized the purchase of a radar gun.

Maine Handicapped Skiing celebrated its seventh successful season with the Annual Fun in the Sun Awards Banquet.

Births: Gavin MacKay Parker, Kevin Michael Wight, Britany Elaine Plapis, Frederick "Crosby" McArthur, Jr.

Deaths: Kenneth J. Kenison, Jr., Virginia I. Estes, Margaret H. W. Thurlow, Irene I. Wilson, Richard S. Kimball, Jr.

30 years ago: A collection of art works by Sue Wight of Newry was on display at Rumford Community Hospital.

The Telstar Physical Education Department sponsored a gymnastics show featuring students from grades six through twelve.

Rev. David M. Larson was installed as pastor of the Bethel Gospel Center.

Births: Kyle Moran, Kevin Gregory Glines, Jennifer Lynn Hefley, Scott Warren Hefley.

Death: Charles Ellingwood.

40 years ago: Fourteen Telstar Spanish students were planning a two-week trip to the island of Mallorca off the coast of Spain.

Winners in the sixth grade poetry contest at Crescent Park School were Peter Wiase, Cathy Davis, and Jean Manson.

The three Andover Girl Scout Troops held an entertainment hour at the Town Hall.

Seventh grader Kathy Haskell was the winner of the SAD.44 Spelling Bee.

Births: Dianne Yvonne Nowlin, Stacy Irene Wilbur, Patrick Harland Averill, Richard Albert Dupuis.

50 years ago: Eight Gould Academy students were one of the first groups to ski on the open slope at Sunday River. They were towed into the area behind a Snowcat.

Birth: Aaron Calvin Bachelor.

Deaths: Hester Kimball Sanborn, Norman E. Jordan.

60 years ago: At the annual meeting of the Bethel Village Corporation an appropriation of \$10,490.19 was made. The night officer's salary was increased \$50 per week.

Robert D. Hastings was appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Council of the University of Maine.

Deaths: Ernest C. Bowler, Mrs. Pearl Brinck Kilgore, G. Norman Sanborn.

70 years ago: Dr. and Mrs. Harry M. Wilson and family moved into their new home on Brighton Avenue.

The Gould Academy debating club debated on the question: Resolved that chain stores are detrimental to the best interests of the American people. Robert Keniston acted as chairman. The decision was 18-13 in favor of the negative.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary E. Cummings, Mrs. Gwendolyn Swan Dorey, Major William Hastings.

100 years ago: Susan King was selected as valedictorian and J. Elton Coolidge as salutatorian at Gould Academy. Prize-speaking winners were also announced.

The Sons of Veterans held a dance at Odeon Hall.

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Refuge

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ing informational kiosks, improving signage on the refuge, completing a new car-top boat launch near the existing refuge office, and publishing a refuge brochure.

The refuge will embark on new management activities this year, including establishing management areas for American woodcock, working with a private landowner to employ timber practices to improve habitat for wintering deer and migratory birds, and controlling invasive plants.

Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge (www.fws.gov/northeast/lakeumbagog) currently protects 21,650 acres of significant habitats in Coos County, N.H., and Oxford County, Maine. The refuge was estab-

lished in 1992 to provide long-term protection for unique wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and migratory birds of conservation concern.

The Service and the states of Maine and New Hampshire collectively manage three-quarters of the shoreline of Umbagog Lake, as well as nearby marshes, bogs and fens, and hardwood and boreal forests.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. For more information visit www.fws.gov.

Cup

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Seventy-five slots are available for registration. Competition will begin with qualifying rounds, with 15 amateurs advancing to the finals.

Prize money totals \$18,000—\$10,000 for first, \$5,000 for second and \$3,000 for third place.

In 2008, Dumont launched himself 35.5 feet out of a 38-foot high quarter pipe at Sunday River, breaking the world record.

For more information on the April 11 competition, go to www.redbullskiing.com.

Briefly

Harrowing night for snowmobiler

RUMFORD—A woman who rescued an injured snowmobile operator in Rumford says a pack of coyotes had circled the man as he lay immobile in the snow. Eric Westleigh of Rumford was discovered on Tuesday when Renee Robert's son Dylan, 10, heard his cries for help while waiting at the bus. Westleigh is being treated for hip and leg injuries suffered in the Monday night accident on a trail off Route 232. Roberts, an emergency room nurse, tended to Westleigh's injuries while waiting for help to arrive. She says he appeared to have broken both legs and was suffering from hypothermia. She says there were coyote tracks right up to the accident area.

Hypnosis show at THS Saturday

BETHEL—A Hypnosis Show with Dr. Michael Hathaway will take place Saturday, March 21 at Telstar High School at 7 p.m. Hathaway has been doing hypnosis shows for more than 25 years. He has appeared at colleges, high schools, conventions and private functions throughout the Northeast. He holds a doctorate in clinical hypnotherapy and has a private hypnosis practice in Madison N.H. He is the author of seven books, including "Everything Hypnosis" which has been endorsed by leading hypnotists throughout the country, and does a daily podcast called "Message from the Mountain." Tickets for the show are \$5, and are available at the door or in advance at the Telstar Middle and High School offices. All ages welcome. Youths under age 18 require parental permission to participate on stage. They are advised to bring their parents or pick up a permission slip at Telstar High School or Middle School offices. The event is sponsored by Telstar Class of 2009 and MSAD44 Wellness Team.

Fire destroys home

WEST PARIS—A two-story house was destroyed Monday evening after a discarded cigarette sparked a fire that spread into the upper floor. Chief Norm St. Pierre of the West Paris Fire Department said the home at 17 Benson Hill Road was a total loss. It was being rented by Elaine Bedard, who was home at the time of the fire. Bedard, her two teenage daughters and her 4-year-old daughter escaped without injury, along with a male friend of Bedard's. St. Pierre said a cigarette in a plastic bucket outside the front door caused the fire, which burned up through a wall and into the roof. The metal roof on the structure kept firefighters working on the blaze for eight hours after it was reported shortly before 8:45 p.m. Crews worked in 10-minute shifts to cut through the roof from a ladder truck to access the fire. "Just cutting into that roof took a lot out of the guys," St. Pierre said. Firefighters from West Paris, Paris, Greenwood, Woodstock, Norway, Oxford and Poland responded to the scene, as well as Tri-Town Rescue. The house was owned by Sid Abbott, also of Benson Hill Road. St. Pierre said the Red Cross was assisting Bedard and her children.

Help for the homeless

RUMFORD/PARIS—Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

School Lunch

Week of March 23

Telstar Lunches

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Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar with buffalo chicken, cook's choice, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Wednesday: Italian dunkers, blueberry cake, pizza, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Thursday: No school. Teachers workshop.

Friday: No school. Teachers workshop.

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SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

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Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, potato chips, salad bar, fruit bar, strawberries, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

Thursday: No school. Teachers workshop.

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Greenwood

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and against putting the ordinance to vote next week.

The arguments were occasionally heated, prompting Mikols at one point to request that speakers: "keep their comments fact based, not insult anyone, and not accuse anyone of anything."

But following the selectmen's vote, both sides of the debate appeared willing to move ahead in a more positive manner.

The proposed ordinance was the result of several years of work by the town Planning Board, which had sought to have it go to voters next week.

But on Wednesday, Board Chairman Rodney Westleigh characterized the previous evening events as "a very good meeting," and said he felt the ordinance would benefit from more work.

"There are some things that can be fixed," he said.

As Mikols noted, those problem areas are largely in the proposal's language, which opponents have said is vague, confusing and occasionally contradictory.

Westleigh conceded that point.

"It should be written more so an ordinary person could understand it," he said.

Resident David Stern agreed.

"To me, if we're going to have a good ordinance in place in the town of Greenwood, then we should wait, then vote on an ordinance that is well written, and be legally defended and is fair to

everybody who owns property whether they're residents or from away," Stern said.

Resident Jim St. Germaine said he was confident those goals could be met, especially now that public discussion of the ordinance had catalyzed interest in it.

"I've been around here 12

(7 p.m.).

As Tuesday's regular selectmen's meeting drew to a close (long after most of the people concerned with the Land Use Ordinance had gone home for the evening) Dennis Doyon (a critic of the ordinance, at least in its current form) suggested any revisions might be

better handled not by the current Planning Board, but by a new committee, formed for that task alone.

"I would really encourage the Selectboard to say 'Let's have a Plan Implementation Committee, consisting of Selectboard, Planning Board members

and other interested parties," Doyon said.

"I think you'd end up with a better final product," he said. Mikols said she saw merit in such an approach, "but I don't want to see the selectmen wrest any control from a group that really has control of it."

"I have no reason to believe the Planning Board is not going to move forward in good faith, with the intent to put out a quality product," she said.

But Mikols (who is leaving the board) also supported fresh input for the revision.

"I'm encouraged by the number of people who have voiced their opinions on the Land Use Ordinance, and subsequently volunteered to join the effort to rework it," she told The Citizen Wednesday.

"I'm confident that assembling a group of people with different backgrounds, perspectives and areas of expertise will produce an ordinance that is easy to understand, fair, respectful of all taxpayers' rights and can be administered by the town," she said.

Monday evening's Planning Board meeting will be held in the Town Office meeting room and is open to the public.

'If all the parties are concerned with making this something they can support, then they need to get in here and set up for a special town meeting and get this thing done.'

JIM ST. GERMAINE
Resident and builder

years now; I've been a builder for 35 years. We have to have codes that we can live by. From what I've seen, talking to other builders and contractors, this isn't ready to go to the voters yet," St. Germaine said.

"What I'm thinking though is you have an awful lot of interest. If all the parties are concerned with making this something they can support, then they need to get in here and set up for a special town meeting and get this thing done."

But he cautioned: "You're not going to make all of these people happy — and things are changing, and they're going to continue to change."

New committee?
The Planning Board is scheduled to begin work on revisions to the ordinance at a meeting Monday, March 23

Andover

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haven't been able to sell it for anywhere near what we thought."

Last year it was estimated that Engine 3 and another old truck, Engine 4, might be sold for a combined \$20,000.

Engine 4 was sold for \$500. But when Engine 3 was put out at \$20,000, no bids were received, Akers said.

More recently, she said, a company that sells fire trucks estimated the town might get \$12,000.

"We want to see how low townspeople want us to go," said Akers, as well as give them an opportunity to consider whether the town should keep the truck for East Andover.

Treasurer

The town's treasurer has traditionally been elected to a three-year term. That will happen again this year, but at town meeting voters will consider an article to change the position to appointed. If approved, selectmen would hire the person.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee both recommend the position be appointed.

Morrow said the hiring process would allow the board to interview a number of candidates and select the best qualified.

Surplus and Revaluation
Voters will also decide how much money to maintain in the Surplus Account.

The town auditor recommends \$150,000, selectmen \$100,000.

In recent years, Morrow

said, the account has been kept at \$80,000. The board chose \$100,000 in an attempt to find middle ground, she said.

Morrow also said the 2008 Surplus figure is expected to be down by \$80,000, to \$100,000. The decline, she said, is a result of an over-taxation error from 2006-2007, involving the purchase of a bucketloader.

Another account up for discussion is the Revaluation Account, which contains \$50,000.

A citizen-requested article asks the town to authorize selectmen to use the money to lower taxes if the mill rate rises by 3 or more mills in 2009.

Personnel policy

Also up for a vote are two separate proposals for dealing with personnel policies.

One article proposes the establishment of an ordinance, which would include a reduction in the percentage of health benefits paid to current and future employees.

The second article would continue the current policy format, which is administered by selectmen.

The plan would also grandfather current employees covered by health benefits, maintaining the existing 100 percent coverage.

Those premiums, however, would be capped at the current funding level and employees would pay 50 percent of future increases.

Roads, heating system

Residents will also vote on road and heating system projects.

Roadwork is proposed on .7 miles of North Main Street (crack seal), one mile of the Sawyer Notch Road (crack seal), and 1.7 miles of Newton Street-Upton Road (hot top).

The cost for the work is proposed at \$200,000, to be funded through borrowing.

The purchase and installation of a new heating system for the town hall will also be up for consideration.

Two cost estimates received are \$9,660 and \$15,000, varying according to the number of heating zones desired.

The town meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the town hall.

At noon the Andover Service Circle will offer lunch in the downstairs area of the hall.

Elections

Elections of town officials will take place by secret ballot, Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the town hall.

There are four offices with incumbents running unopposed, three in which the incumbents have a challenger, and one with a new candidate running unopposed.

Selectman Trudy Akers, SAD44 School Directors Sid Pew and Keith Smith and Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner are unopposed.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elaine Morton will be opposed by Lora Owings.

Treasurer Sandy Conrad will be opposed by Savannah Sessions.

Longtime Fire Chief Ken Dixon is retiring. His son, Rob Dixon, is the only candidate on the ballot.

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Upton

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station. Rector said the \$23,000 proposed is up by \$5,000.

He said a state inspector found that several upgrades are needed to comply with Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

Elected officials

In town elections, Selectman Marie Aron is expected to run for another three-year term, Rector said.

He said he does not know of anyone else interested.

Also up is Collie Svendberg's seat on the School Committee, also for three years. She is not

expected to run again, Rector said.

Rector's three positions as clerk, tax collector and treasurer will be up for a vote. He is running, and he said he does not know of anyone else interested.

Tonight's meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the schoolhouse.

Other items

Upton's share of the Oxford County budget will increase by \$2,251, to \$14,212 (not included in the municipal budget figure).

"The county valuations

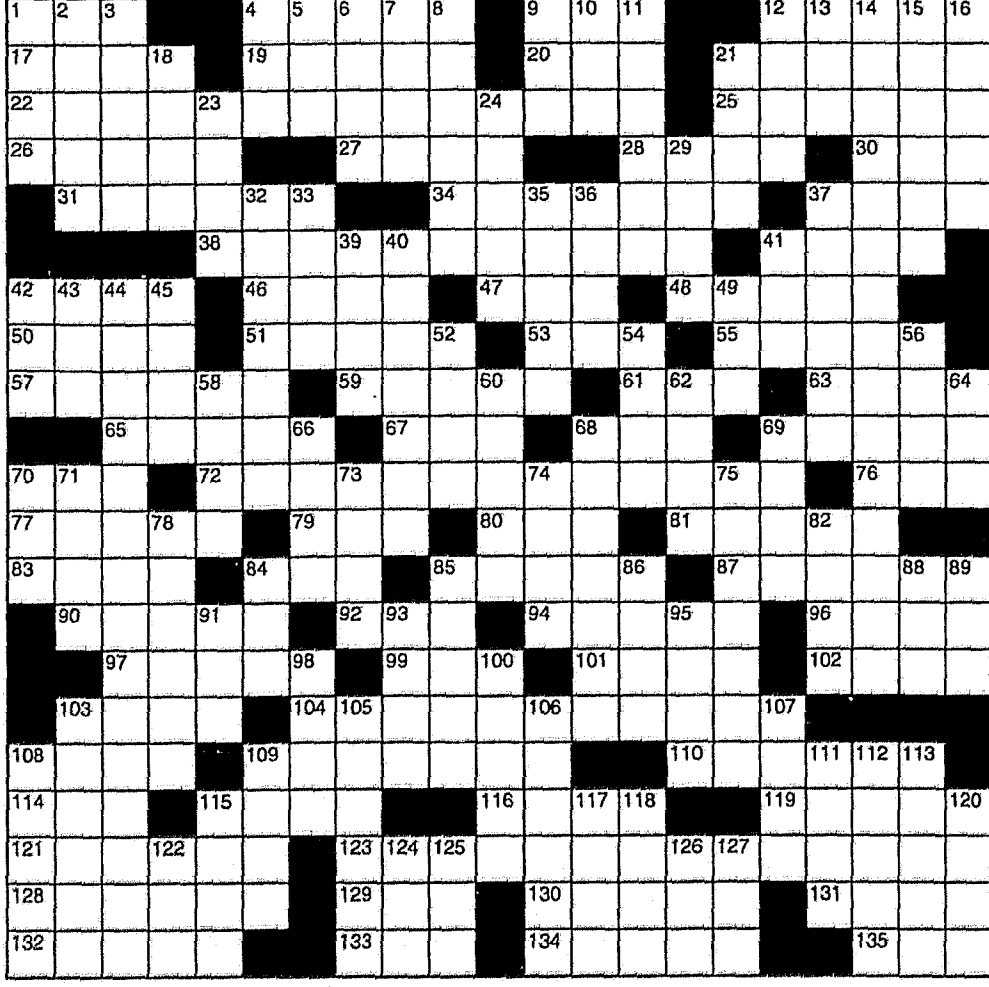
have gone up rather steeply over the past couple of years," Rector said.

The school budget will not be ready until June, Rector said. A special town meeting will take place then to consider a proposal.

He estimates that Upton's mil rate will stay about the same, or possibly go down a bit. It currently stands at 8.57.

The June warrant will also address a floodplain ordinance and changes to Shoreland Zoning maps.

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Super Crossword

'Well-rounded'

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, March 17

At 9 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to the Sunday River Road for a report of a subject refusing to leave a property. The officer flagged the subject down in a vehicle as he attempted to leave. Robert S. Evans, 47, of Hingham, Mass. was arrested on charges of theft and disorderly conduct.

Monday, March 16

At 11:11 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Mayville Rd. for a report of an alarm activation. On arrival it was found that the business had been burglarized with forced entry.

Sunday, March 15

(Time not available) Officer Jeff Campbell received a complaint of an unwanted subject on the Taylor Woods Road and issued a warning for criminal trespass.

At 11:18 a.m. Officer Mike Kelly responded to a property-damage crash on Route 26.

Saturday, March 14

At 1:05 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell assisted an intoxicated subject lying in a snowbank on Mechanic Street. A relative was contacted to pick him up.

At 6:10 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted a state trooper with a vehicle off the road in Mason Township, with three occupants behaving suspiciously. A relative was brought to the scene.

Thursday, March 12

At 12:36 a.m. Officer Jason Goff stopped a vehicle operating erratically on Route 26. Jeremy D. Stedman, 38, of Greenwood was arrested for OUI.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 17, 10:40 p.m.: Robert S. Evans, 47, of Hingham, Mass., disorderly conduct, theft; by BPD Officer Jason Goff.

March 17, 7:25 p.m.: Tyler D. Rogers, 21, of Bryant Pond, failure to pay fines; by Trooper Greg Tirado on Gore Rd., Woodstock.

March 15, 5:18 p.m.: Wilson Downs, 51, of Ocklawaha, Fla., aggravated drug trafficking, illegal importation of scheduled drugs; by BPD Officer George Gould in Bethel.

March 15, 5:21 p.m.: Eugenie R. Macie, 39, of Ocklawaha, Fla., aggravated drug trafficking, illegal importation of scheduled drugs; by BPD Officer George Gould in Bethel.

March 11, 1:55 a.m.: Jeremy D. Stedman, 38, of Bethel, OUI; by Officer Jeremy Goff of the BPD in Bethel.

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Thank you, Ginny

The Bethel Citizen lost one of its long-time columnists last week.

Ginny Keniston wrote the Bethel column for more than a decade. She wrote about family gatherings, anniversaries, births, children's accomplishments and all the other news that makes a town column what it is in a small-town newspaper.

Ginny did it very well because, as person after person noted at her memorial service last week, family and friends were at the core of her life.

As she wrote in her July 25, 2002 column, "This weekend was a busy one for Molykett Day. It's a real homecoming event where many people come home to see friends and family."

Ginny will surely be remembered by all of hers.

—aba

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

The first day of Spring is coming right up on Friday. I just checked my thermometer and the temperature is right around 54 degrees (Sunday, mid afternoon).

I was talking with my brother, Steve McLain, and not only is Friday, March 20 the first day of Spring, it is Lise McLain's birthday. Happy Birthday, Lise.

Another sign of Spring is

an e-mail from Bill and Celia Broomhall. Celia writes, "Springtime is showing signs of returning on the Bog Road. Bill is outside starting the fire to boil sap for maple syrup. So far he has 15 taps out; by this afternoon he will have close to 30 taps. The sap is running pretty well so far, he's got about 30 gallons in less than three days."

Hugh and I noticed a couple of spring birds this past weekend. There were several red winged blackbirds and starlings at the feeder.

We decided this past weekend to give Bob and Joanne Stewart, loyal supporters of the Gilead Historical Society, a phone call. It was nice to talk with them and catch up a little bit. Thanks for your many contributions to the society.

Gilead Fire Department

The GFD was called out last week to assist with traffic control on Route 2. There was a tractor-trailer that had jack-knifed and the road was impassable. Hugh took Squad One to the scene to assist Chief Ken Cole. Usually, my job is to provide coffee, but since there was a shortage of members in the department that day, I had to stop traffic in town and reroute passenger cars to the North Road. There were several big trucks backed up when Shelburne Fire Department came to the rescue. They placed two of their firemen on each side of the Androscoggin River Bridge since it is a one-lane bridge. Then I went home and made some coffee for them!

Town Office
This is another reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is coming right up on March

28 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Come a little early if you need to register to vote.

Gilead Historical Society
The first meeting of 2009 will be held at the Town Office at 1 p.m. on March 28. There are a lot of projects happening this year, so please come and lend a hand.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by
Laurie Brown

Last Friday's skating party was wonderful. Food and drinks were plentiful and delicious. Sliding was an impromptu addition to the fun and activities that was also enjoyed by the young and younger. Charlie and Carol were gracious hosts, resulting in fun, relaxation, and socializing that made guests really glad they went! Awesome.

The Planning Board will meet Friday, March 19 at the town office at 7 p.m., for permits and questions. Town Meeting will begin at

7 p.m. at the school house on March 19. Jim Rector's photo on the front of the Town Report is beautiful.

Ladies Aid members will meet on April 2 at their building to organize and clean their back room. Any items that have outlived their value to the organization will be put in the front room. On April 4, we invite you to come see if any of these items might be just what you've been looking for!

After we're done with the back room, we're looking forward to spring cleaning our kitchen! We've received a refrigerator from Delores Williams of Bethel, an electric stove from Al and Cookie Pelletier of Upton, a microwave from Edith Lombard Garey of Peru, and a microwave from Ernest Angevine of Bethel. Wow! We offer a gracious "Thank-you" for the generosity of these donations, yet it's inadequate to truly express our appreciation.

We'll serve Easter breakfast on April 12 from our "new kitchen"! The breakfast will immediately follow the Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. at Jim and Wilma Rector's home. Hopefully your usual Easter plans will al-

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Wilma Rector has provided the following, which I'm delighted to include in my column.

Feb. 25 kicked off the 2009 River Valley Relay for Life drive. This area includes all towns in the Northern Oxford County Androscoggin river valley area. This event is held each year at Hosmer Complex in Rumford. This year's River Valley RFL will be on May 29 and 30. At 5 p.m. on May 29 there will be a Survivor's Reception at the Hosmer Complex with any cancer survivor and their caregiver are welcome to attend. Following the reception at 6 p.m. any survivors and caregivers who are able to, kick off the relay by walking the first lap around the track escorted by Uniformed Fire Dept. and/or Knights of Columbus color guard members.

Wilma Rector has kept statistics for the past five years on how well our Upton community has been represented (as far as she knows from monies she personally has collected). She is proud and happy to say that our Upton community alone has donated over \$1,800. That is awesome for a small community like ours. All monies collected for Relay for Life supports the American Cancer Society programs in our own Northern Oxford County river valley communities, no where else. Wilma has not blanketed the entire town with requests for support of the RFL so, this year, if you want to honor a living loved one with a donation given in their name, or want to donate in loving memory of someone, please

contact Wilma at 533-2015. She'll be happy to help you be a part of Upton's continued effort to support the River Valley Relay for Life.

Since the Upton Village Store is no longer open, anyone wanting to buy a bunch of daffodils on March 19 or March 20 this year, please go to the Andover General Store where someone will be selling them for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days.

Have a wonderful week. Selah.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange met on March 13 at the home of Lynn Mason-Courtney.

Much discussion was made on how to raise money for upkeep of the hall and pay for our insurances. Maybe a game night with cards and/or board games, or a big band night, or a movie night was much talked about.

Lynn Zimmerman visited her daughter, Heather, in Hayward, Wis., recently. While Lynn was there, for a week, Heather was in two cross-country races. One race was a CXC race, Elite Sprint, where Heather came in second. The second race was called Birkebeiner, a 50km (about 30 miles) race. Heather came in 6th in her age group.

Peter Haines is now home from the hospital and Norway Rehab.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Mason



by Richard Grover

We had an interesting week last week. Those warm days and cold

nights inspired the urge to tap maple trees. I had a couple hours Friday afternoon, so I got about half my quota of trees tapped before leaving for West Paris. Saturday morning I finished tapping while it was still cold and the snow crust hard enough to walk on. As of this writing, I have enough sap boiling to make about two gallons of syrup if I don't burn it up!

Friday evening we headed to West Paris to take Ray Brown up on an invitation to stop in for a "tippie" before heading to the Tuscany Hall in South Paris, where there was a "fundraiser" dinner to raise money toward rebuilding the ballpark bleachers that were burned down a couple years ago.

Ray had sold us the tickets some time ago. We were to meet with the rest of the Perhams at the dinner.

The dinner was a delicious smorgasbord of lasagna, chicken, salad and rolls, followed by a great selection of desserts.

The fun part began after dinner, when MC Caleb Lamb, an 18-year-old senior at Oxford Hills High School, introduced stock car racers Sam Sessions, Mike Rowe and Ricky Craven. Lamb first called Sessions to the stage and read off a detailed summary of his racing achievements at Oxford Plains Speedway and other racetracks in the area.

He then followed the same procedure with Mike Rowe and Ricky Craven, each having a longer list of racing milestones than the one introduced

before.

Caleb seemed relaxed and poised in front of the large crowd. He coolly asked several penetrating questions of each racer, drawing out interesting remarks with questions like, "How did you first get interested in being a race car driver?" When asked, "What would you be doing if you were not in stock car racing?" all three agreed that they couldn't think of anything they would be doing except racing.

Ricky Craven pointed out that he got out of racing and got into broadcasting a few years ago because he felt that racing was keeping him away from his family at a crucial time in his kids' lives—just before they entered their teen years.

I found myself enjoying the candid answers and relaxed give-and-take of these three authentic Maine competitors even though I am not really a big fan of auto racing.

Sunday evening found Mona and I at the Dixfield Swasey-Torrey American Legion Post 100 for their celebration of the Legion's 90th birthday and to pay tribute to Bruce Tibbets, the only Dixfield resident killed in the Vietnam War.

Bruce was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army and was married shortly before being deployed to Vietnam.

He had a son, born after he died in combat, who was determined to learn all that he could about how his father lived and died.

His research took him to Vietnam three times and resulted in a commitment to helping improve the lives of many needy Vietnamese people.

Because there are so many interesting angles to this story, I hope to continue next week, when I can devote more space to it.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. Welcome to spring, whahoo!

Town Meeting starts Saturday at 9 a.m. Don't forget to bring your Town Report. There is more news from Andover Service Circle (ASC) about its fundraiser on March 21. As was the case last year, the Circle will be providing lunch the Saturday of the Andover town meeting. On the first floor of Andover Town Hall, during the lunch break for town meeting, for a suggested \$5 donation everyone will be able to eat home-made soups, chilies, chowders, stews, rolls, muffins and desserts. All the collected money will be put to good use by ASC for the benefit of Andover residents through charitable giving.

Andrea Bretz Savitz, president of ASC, has told me that for the first time in the Circle's history, last year during these hard times more money was dispensed than was raised. This situation came about in spite of the fact that ASC has increased its fundraising. For this reason, there will be a donation jar at the entry to the dining area on March 21. If anyone has any change or folding money that they can part with over and above the suggested \$5 donation for lunch, ASC would be extremely grateful if he or she would drop it in the collection jar.

Steve Grace was here visiting Kevin Scott and Susan Merrow for a few days this week. Several Andover residents went to school with Steve. Many of you may remember Steve's grandpar-

ents, Tom and Yvonne Grace who ran the Rumford Center Store. Steve has been traveling the country and working for Raytheon for the past few years. Rumor has it he may be back for another visit next week.

Congratulations to the following Andover residents for being recognized on the dean's list for the fall semester: Julia Stambolis, who attends the University of Maine at Orono; Clayton Smith, who is attending Norwich University in Vermont.

Celebrating a birthday this week are Ryan Theriault on Sunday, the 22nd; Justin Smith on the 24th, and Kasey Smith on the 25th.

(Happy birthday also to Terry Perry on the 24th!)

Peg Madigan and friend Donna traveled to Portland on Monday. Of course they enjoyed going out for lunch! Enjoy the weekend.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Last Saturday at the Roxbury El-Lis Pond Variety Store,

the first ever Helping Hands of Roxbury hosted a very successful snowmobile event. The event took in around \$180 in cash and about seven boxes of canned goods for the charity. Fifteen sponsors gave door prizes. Leon Dunn won a nine-pound lasagna tray.

Last Saturday was also the first time the Bear River Trading Post was involved with the State fishing contest. Doug weighed 45 fish from 10-12 participants. Certainly a good weekend for all these events.

I had a rusty blackbird at the feeder Sunday as well as a tremendously large flock of redpolls. This past weekend a couple mourning doves were also eating seed from the droppings.

I think snowmobile riding is just about over in our area. For news about the WVSC trails, please call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon

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or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-8335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTP as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

Karlene Bachelder's sister, Wilma Stuart, and Debbie Eldridge from Unity drove over Thursday for a short visit. While here they went to a birthday party that Polly Mahoney and Kevin Slater had for Nandi, who had just returned from Antarctica. Nandi had pictures to show of his other side of the globe trip. The girls headed back to Unity on Thursday.

Karlene told me her son, Aaron, just celebrated his 50th birthday. Belated birthday wishes are on their way south to you.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library has received a donation of books from the

Steep Falls Library. Ms Karen Smith arranged the gift to benefit the Hanover library. She is Danielle Smith Bruce's mother.

It has been reported by some Hanover citizens that there is a dog problem to be addressed. There is a leash law in Hanover which means dogs must be confined to their own property or on a leash. They cannot run freely on the property of others and are a potential danger to themselves and others especially along Route 2. Any dog that is found roaming freely should be reported to Hanover Animal Control Officer Osman Hart by calling 824-7279, who will take appropriate steps. It is also important that all our canine friends be licensed each year by Dec. 31. If your dog has not been licensed, please go to Hanover Town Office to get it done. Please, if you are a dog owner in Hanover keep your dog happy, healthy and at home under supervision. Your neighbors will appreciate your efforts.

State Police are reported to be investigating an incident that occurred in a wooded area near Hanover Village when someone did as much as \$20,000 damage to construction equipment that was stored there.

Pinewood Derby roll-offs were Saturday morning. Pinewood Derby cars are small, wooden vehicles built by Boy Scouts. Winner of two trophies was Keith Crockett, who won Best Design and took third place in the race for his car designed as a septic pumping truck. Kory Crockett raced his car that was designed as a spider web car. A smiley face purple car and a pink car also participated. Following the derby there was a sledding party including a cookout and bonfire followed by fireworks.

A fundraiser to benefit Camp CaPella on Phillips Lake in Dedham, Maine, took place in Ellsworth last Saturday. The Knights of Pythias sponsored the daylong event that included a silent auction, a supper and a dance until midnight by the band "Ranger" from Old Town. Attending from this area were Grand Chief Janice Bennett, Grand Prelate Michael Bennett, Grand Secretary Clem Worcester and Donna Worcester. Nearly \$600 was raised for the program for disabled children, which is a division of United Cerebral Palsy.

Birthday greetings this week go to our old friend Jim Ray who is likely reading this in Austin, Texas, if he isn't languishing in California.

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

I didn't get started last night. Instead I was getting even tighter over the so-called "Land Use Ord." for Greenwood. I've been going through the pages and growl more and more. And everyone keeps saying the same thing, "What is this pile?" So as the saying goes, "If it looks like, smells like, piled like and tastes like, it must be."

Uncle Ivan's Birthday Party went very well with plenty of old friends and plenty of family on hand. To be sure Uncle was very tired by evening's end and was recuperating on Sunday. But I'm sure he is enjoying the smelts that Del Wilson dropped off Sunday evening.

The sap was running in good shape Sunday. Collected and tapped a few more trees. But I'm thinking the sap is frozen solid this morning and will take some Green Power of the Irish to get it flowing this morning. Think I better get a fire going and start my small

process for the liquid "gold." Get the french toast ready Anita.

For the Legion Family reading this Thursday, don't forget the Legion Birthday. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and a short program after and then a short meeting. Also clean-up crew would be appreciated.

Till next week, may the sun always shine on your face.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

It is Sunday evening and 50 degrees outside. The furnace has

not been running much today. The snowbanks are receding. The walkers now have a place to walk on the side of the road instead of in the line of traffic. Before long we may be able to use the sidewalks.

On Sunday March 22, the Rev. Richard Beal will lead the service of story telling at 9 a.m. at the West Paris Universalist Church. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows. All are welcome.

Several from the area attended the 90th Birthday Party for Ivan Morey at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on the 14th. Hosted by his three daughters a large group came to wish him a Happy Birthday. He told the group that they all were invited to his 100th Party in 10 years. Many cards were received. Delicious refreshments were served.

Beryl Bonney and I finally found a pleasant day to shop in Auburn. Many articles in Shaws had been moved around trying to confuse our old brains. I know they want us to look around more to buy more but I am not happy with it. It was a good time to be there for there was plenty of parking space and not too many grocery carts to battle and we had no trouble cashing out. The roads were dry and the sun bright showing us what is to come.

The Cotton Tops are hoping to get in more walking, for all of us need to get into better shape. Weather permitting we can get back to our three mornings a week.

In January 2001 I started filling in for Miriam Inman writing this column from West Paris. Usually it takes several phone calls to gather some news. This winter it has been difficult, for many go to Florida or West to try for warmer climates. The rest still here

in Maine have hibernated because of the cold and also because of gas prices. As the days get longer and the temperature rises hopefully we all can get out and create some news. I would be glad to hear from anyone that has news to be published.

The six amaryllis blossoms have gone by and the new bud on another bulb has not yet shown its color. By next week it should begin to let me know if it is dark red or white. It is growing larger every day.

What a rough life Muffin has! She eats, washes her face and naps beside me. She is a very neat kitty. If she gets fussy about her food we try another kind. She does like a variety.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I will warn you, reader, in advance, that this is another

of my "not as usual" columns. Over the years that I have been writing for The Citizen, I have tried very hard to stay out of town politics when I write, but this week I just can't, sorry.

This week I would like to respond to the letter to the editor written by Andover resident Richard Merrill that was published last week in the Rumford Falls Times. Mr. Merrill is certainly entitled to his opinion, I don't question that, but I hope before you cast your vote on March 24, you will read and think about the following.

As a former secretary to the selectmen and as a former selectman, I have had some experience in how the Town Office is run.

In rebuttal to Mr. Merrill's statements about the weekly financial warrant, here is how it is usually done. The secretary collects all the bills and then fills out the warrant. Usually this is completed by Monday afternoon. She then leaves it for the selectmen to review

and this is the time, before the selectmen's meeting, that any questions about a bill should be cleared with the department that the bill concerns. This way of doing things certainly saves time during the meetings, which lately seem to go on and on and on. At some time during the selectmen's meeting the selectmen vote on the warrant and sign it.

Then, and only then, after the selectmen have voted on it, the warrant is turned over to the treasurer who then proceeds to make out the checks and mail them. The present treasurer has never written or disbursed any check for any bill without the approval of at least two selectmen. In my opinion and from past experience, if any selectman has questions about a bill during the selectmen's meeting that means they aren't doing their job properly. They should know ahead of time what is on that warrant.

I would have to see proof in black and white from Mr. Merrill before I believe what he wrote about our present treasurer mailing checks without approval.

Our present town clerk was the deputy town clerk/tax collector for four years before she was elected town clerk/tax collector. She had to attend many classes mandated by the state and had plenty of on-the-job experience before she took office. She still has to attend classes any time the state of Maine changes any law or policy that affects her office.

Have you given any thought about the difficulties you will face if you vote in a new town clerk/tax collector who has not had any previous training? If we elect a new person to fill these positions, here is what will happen. For as long as it takes to train the new person, which will be many weeks if not months, you will not be able to pay your excise tax in order to register any vehicle. You can't even go to Mexico to register a car until you have paid your excise tax in the town of Andover. How much are the fines for driving an un-

registered vehicle? You may find out very soon if you elect a new town clerk/tax collector, or you may be walking to work.

I agree with Mr. Merrill that times are tough right now, but should we make them worse by creating more havoc? I guess all I am really asking is that you think hard about the changes Mr. Merrill suggests before you vote, and please, do go vote. Your vote will make a difference. See 'ya.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at

9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting and Friday at 6:30 is youth group. Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m. is a financial seminar with Mark Elliott, Woodville, N.H., "Living Debt-free the Way God Intended." Please sign up if you plan to attend. Each one or couple who attend will receive free debt-elimination and budgeting software and a workbook. Lunch will be provided. March 29 is fifth Sunday lunch and afternoon service.

As Monday was so messy, Judith Grover tent 17 DU VCV cancelled their meeting. Next meeting is April 13. On April 2 they will put on the Senior Citizens' dinner. Remember Town Meeting is coming up the end of the month. Mark your calendars. If you don't attend you shouldn't complain how the town is run.

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Virginia Keniston.

Would you believe it? Spring will be here Friday, the 20th. Most people I have talked with will welcome it.

Historical Society
The Society notes the passing of Virginia Keniston of Bethel.

The New England Cultural Center is open often in good weather. Our region's heritage, especially art, is featured. Donations are encouraged to keep it going. Larry has things about whaling in his center.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

This makes three gorgeous days in a row. Not all of them were spring-like warm, but they were all sunny and somehow when it is sunny it feels warm no matter the temperature. Keep 'm coming! I even have been bringing a chair outside to sit and read. Tasha and I have been taking short walks. Half the road is still under snow making only passable with snowshoes, skis or snowmobiles. Elsewhere the mud and

water are so deep one needs rubber boots. Tasha does not mind. She loves being outside now that it is not frigid. Even that was okay until this year, but like us, as she ages she prefers a little warmth.

I want to personally thank everyone who wrote character letters in support of Dany. You know who you are. Thank you. We hope they are the fuel needed to bring him home, soon.

Tonight, Thursday, the 19th, there is a potluck supper and singing at the Wilkins House in Waterford. It is on Plummer Hill Road. All are welcome. People should bring a pot to share, guitars and other instruments and their best singing voices. FMI call Jane Morse at 583-4502.

I was saddened to read of the passing of Virginia Keniston. She will be sorely missed in the Bethel Community. Ginny was wonderful to all.

On Saturday, the 21st, there is a pizza contest. I hope our very own Springer's will enter again. Maybe even Waterford's other stores will enter too. The contest is from noon to 2 p.m. It is a fundraiser for Oxford Recreation Program. There will be a minimum of \$2 to enter. Good luck to all.

I want to wish a Happy Birthday to grandson David Joseph Hart the Third. David will be 11 on Sunday, the 22nd. Happy Birthday and have a great day!

Sunday, the 22nd, is also the Rotary Club all-you-can-eat breakfast. It is at Gould

Academy's Ordway Dining Hall. Tickets are \$7 in advance from club members. Someone please bring us tickets! They are \$8 at the door. Proceeds go to the club's community service projects and scholarships. Breakfast is from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Later that day, at 11 a.m., is the 19th annual Eat the Heat Chili Cook-off and Firefighters Race at Whitecap Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. It will benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing. FMI call 800-543-2ski.

One week from Thursday, on the 26th, Mountain Poets will meet at Fare Share Commons to hold their monthly poetry reading. All are welcome. In addition to reading poetry, we will be discussing plans for the April Too Cold for the Porch event. Come one, come all, help us plan. April is National Poetry Month.

From

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with the gracious support of Norway Savings Bank, is bringing Maine's own Character Comedian and Professional Speaker Randy Judkins to The Matterhorn Ski Bar on Wednesday, April 1.

Randy will be presenting his "Laughing In The Face Of Change" for chamber members, their employees, and interested community members free of charge. Please join us as early as 4:30 p.m. to enjoy networking and light refreshments. An RSVP is appreciated by contacting the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282.

Mr. Judkins' one-hour presentation/show will begin at 5:45 p.m. The Matterhorn will be offering specials for those who would like to stay on for an April Fool's Day dinner.

Laughter in the Face of Change is unique and will blend the latest research on the effects that levity has on our longevity, productivity and our overall health.

Randy Judkins was a featured presenter at The HUMOR Project, Inc. 52nd International Conference on Humor and Creativity in June of 2008. While there, Judkins presented "Laughing in the Face of Change" and "Levity Defies Gravity."

Randy, who grew up in Mexico, Maine has appeared in a handful of television commercials and independent films in his native state. He has also instructed at the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Clown College in Florida and served as a character consultant for Tri-Star Pictures and a Circus of the Stars trainer in Hollywood. Randy also appeared in a special "CBS This Morning" segment filmed on location in Burlington, Vt. The Julliard School of Drama in New York City hired Randy to teach a series of master classes in character and physical theater.

In 2002, he founded the Downeast Character Comedy Trio, the Maine Hysterical Society, whose mission is: "to preserve, promote and provoke laughter" through song satires, sketch comedy and improvisation. They have been deemed, "The Best Comedy Act in Maine."

A few summers ago he ran in the Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race while juggling three balls the entire 6.2 miles. He finished the race in under an hour and did not drop a ball.

For more information con-

tact Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

Bethel Inn's general manager, Allen Connors, has arranged to present our next healthy eating evening in the Millbrook Tavern on Wednesday, March 25, at 6 p.m. Chef Robert Bates' menu includes butternut squash bisque, pan roasted chicken with artichokes and plum tomatoes tossed in a wine dressing and served over angel hair pasta, and a berry cobbler for dessert. You'll get healthy eating tips and copies of recipes and go home with ideas you can use. There's still plenty of room for this healthy eating evening and the cost is only \$10 (plus tax and tip). Reservations are required. Make your reservation now by calling the Bethel Inn at 824-2175.

Café DiCocco Evening Held March 11

Cathi DiCocco demonstrated her expertise as an experienced chef and food educator as she showed a dozen eager participants how to prepare a Thai Dinner at the first Healthy Eating on a Budget evening. Participants praised the dinner as being delicious and inexpensive. All of Cathi's recipes will be included in our recipe booklet to be compiled with the help of SAD44 Community Education.

Sassafras & Deli Evening March 18

Chip Willets also demonstrated his expertise in a kitchen class held at the Victoria Inn. He showed various ways to cook a fish and seafood dinner of salmon, haddock and shrimp. His recipes will also be included in our recipe booklet.

Mark Your Calendars for

More Healthy Evenings:

Don't miss out on a chance to have a healthy eating evening at our local participating restaurants, which are helping all of us learn how to eat healthy on a budget. The menus will be printed in this column and restaurants will also have them posted. Your meal will only cost \$10, but reservations are required. All dinners start at 6 p.m.

Here's the remaining schedule of restaurants: Good Food Store (at Bethel Congregational Church dining room), April 1, RSVP 824-3754; Rooster's Roadhouse, April 8, RSVP 824-0309; The Victoria Restaurant, April 15, RSVP 824-8060; The Sudbury Inn Dining Room, April 23, RSVP 824-2174; and S. S. Milton, April 30, RSVP 824-2589.

Healthy Eating on a Budget is sponsored by the To Your Health committee of WMSC, which also includes Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor.

For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053 or Judy Whitman at 824-0347.

Down Home Maine

On Thursday, April 2, 4:30 to 6 p.m. (location to be announced), Dr. Rick Churchill will talk about his experiences as a "bicycling botanist." Watch for more details.

From

Bethel Performing Arts Project

Bethel Performing Arts Project (BPAP) held its first community meeting on Sunday, hosted by the Funky Red Barn, with a group of business people and performers dedicated to helping BPAP move ahead. An advisory committee is also forming to offer direction to BPAP.

Plans being considered in-

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Bethel Planning Board has scheduled the following Public Hearing for the month of March 2009. Others may be scheduled as needed.

Subdivision Application

Project Name: Savage Subdivision of Rte. 2 Land
Applicant: Savage Land Development, LLC
Authorized Agent: Donald Murphy, Land Use Consultant
Location: Map 12, Lot 72-1 & 2

Public Hearing: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:45 pm in the Town Office Meeting Room.

All application materials are on file in the Bethel Town Office; please contact the Planning Assistant or Code Enforcement Officer for additional information.



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From the Director

MKA will be "celebrating" the first day of Spring on Friday, March 20 with a "Big Spring Activity Afternoon." Up to 70 students will be able to enjoy an afternoon of spring fun including games, crafts, cooking, treasure hunt, and many other activities.

Vacation week plans are now in the planning stages - parents, look for our April vacation week activities and schedule by the end of March. Deadline for vacation week reservations will be Friday, April 10th.

The Summer Adventure Brochure will be available by May 1st. "Travel through Time" is the theme we are working on for the Summer of 2009.

MKA would like to welcome our new Woodstock Site Director, Katie Edes. Kate recently relocated from Portland where she worked with the Greater Portland YMCA working in their childcare programs.

Thank you to Cathy DiCoco for taking CPS students into her kitchen for two afternoons of "Stone Soup." Students each brought a vegetable to "add" to the soup. It was a great afternoon of cooking and fun for the kids!

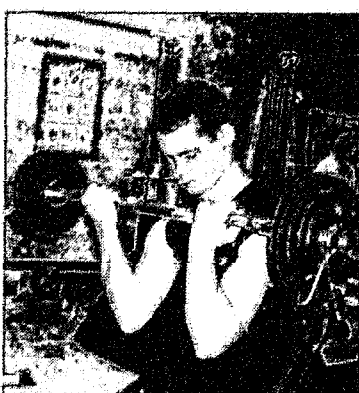
Contact info:

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19 Crescent Lane,
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Check Out Our Website!

mahoosuckids.org

Telstar High School and Middle School are busy with activities after school!



Sophomore Justin Smith - lifting weights

Highlights and program offerings include Ping Pong, Wii, Weight Room, Fine Arts Club, Jam Band, SAT Prep Class, Knitting, Open Gym, break dancing, computers and TLC. The TLC (Telstar Leadership Committee) had a "Paint Out" on canvas in February. The students worked on 6 different paintings. The paintings will be displayed at the Bryant Pond 4-H camp. The group is also fundraising to spend a few days during April vacation in Boston as part of their career exploration activities.



Making Stone Soup at Cafe Di Cocoa from left to right: Grady Harrington, James Newkirk, Cathy Di Cocoa, and George Connors



Proudly Displaying their recycle crafts are Matt Chiasson and Regan Kauf

Admissions/Enrollment

Who should apply?

For MKA's after school program: Any children entering grades K-12 that are going to one of the four schools in the SAD44 district. For MKA's summer adventure program: Any children entering grades K-5 regardless of residency.

How to apply?

To apply to the before and after school program the following forms need to be filled out and returned to the director: Student information form, release form and enrollment contract. To apply to the summer adventure program the following forms need to be filled out and returned to the director: Camper Packet, Parent Packet, Liability Release Form and Computer Use Form. For both programs it is advised to read through the parents handbook which outlines the program and school and program rules.

To learn more about attending MKA programs, call our director, Julie Hart at 207-824-7007.



Jodi Putnam & Rebecca Howard holding a project made during Art club

Our Philosophy

Mahoosuc Kids Association (MKA) operates with the philosophy to provide service to children, parents and community. For children, the program offers a safe, supportive environment that encourages creativity and positive self-esteem through wholesome and fun activities, including age-appropriate educational activities, creativity and nutritious snacks. For parents, the program offers an affordable program with dependable scheduling and flexible enrollment policies. For the community the program provides support for local business, social services, schools and families. The program receives direction from a diverse local board and is licensed by The State of Maine Department of Human Services.

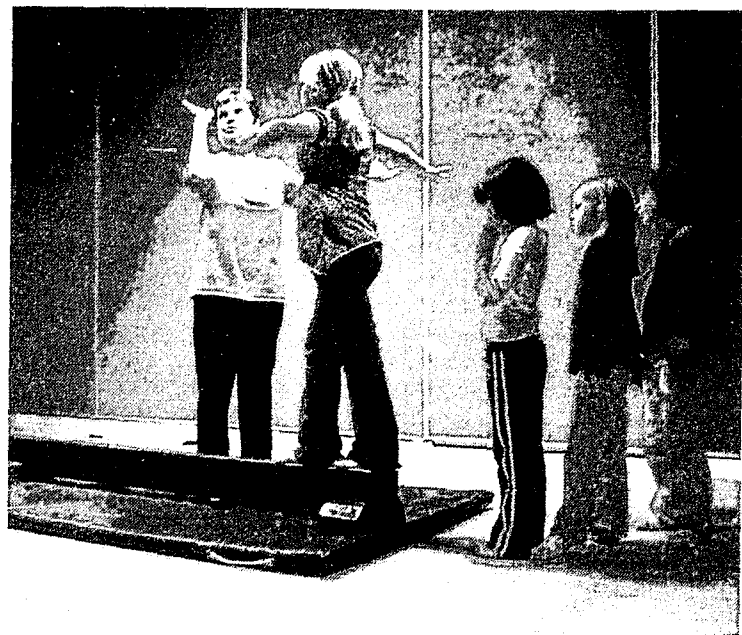
MKA provides programming for children entering grades K-12 and partners with SAD44 to provide the quality of service our children, parents and community come to expect. MKA provides an eight-week summer adventure camp which engages children in a variety of fun educational activities.



5th grade teacher Karen Wilson teaching Kevin Briggs, Luci Rothwell and their classmates cross-country skiing. - WES

About Mahoosuc Kids Association

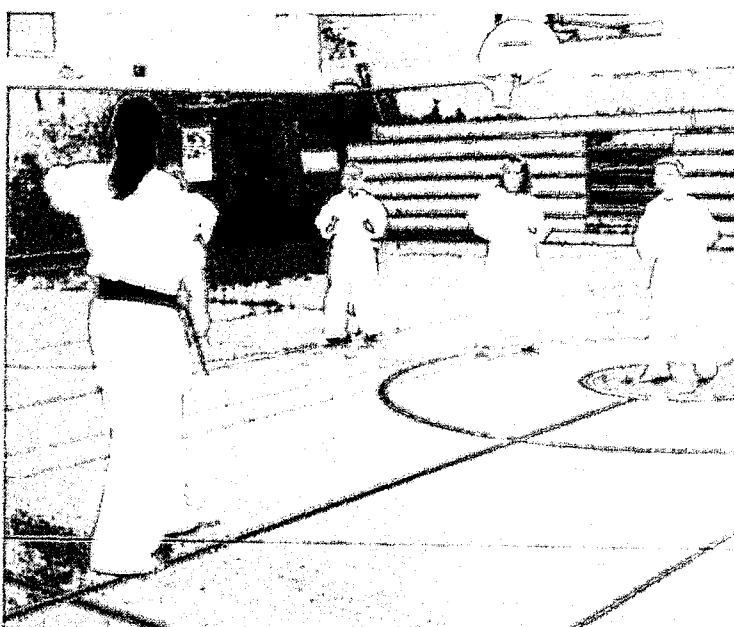
Mahoosuc Kids Association (MKA) is a nonprofit organization under IRS code 501(c)3. MKA offers before and after-school child care and enrichment programs for students in grades K-12 in the SAD44 school district. MKA programs are offered daily while school is in session and offers an eight-week Summer Adventure Program for students in grades K-5. MKA programs are licensed by the Department of Human Services and are located at Crescent Park School in Bethel, Woodstock Elementary School in Bryant Pond, Andover Elementary School in Andover and Telstar Middle School in Bethel.



Miss Bridget instructing students on the balance beam. Rebecca Morin - demonstrating - Keona Bouchard, Ellen Files, Chase Ormiston look on

MKA's program provides planned and supervised activities designed to meet the individual educational, social and recreational needs of each child. This unique program has been developed to enhance the child's existing skills while introducing and encouraging new interest areas. The program will provide an environment for children to learn about themselves, others and the world around them. A variety of methods will be utilized, including learning programs, planned large group games, small "Club" or special interest groups and community resources. Many activity opportunities will be available to each child daily. Activities will be offered on a rotating basis and will give children a chance to choose based on one's own skills and interests. Programs will involve active and quiet activities which will give children an opportunity to socialize and work on cooperation and problem solving skills. Other activities will allow children to learn and practice skills in creating projects to take home. In addition, other programs will focus on activities that reinforce children's academic skills. Time will also be provided each day for assistance with homework and for unscheduled leisure time.

MKA's Summer Adventure Program (SAP) serves children who are entering grades K-5 grade. SAP offers a variety of fun and exciting activities and outings. Activities include weekly themes, arts, crafts, environmental education, enrichment programs, swimming, field trips, golfing and hiking. The safety and well-being of all children in the program is of greatest importance. For any field trip or activity that is not within normal programming, permission forms will be provided and must be signed by parents. Guidelines for behavior will be developed with the children and enforced in positive ways, which encourage children in their development of self-discipline. Positive reinforcement methods will also be used in order to help children develop positive patterns of behavior with other children and adults in the program. From time to time parents may be called upon to participate in a disciplinary partnership to resolve special situations. For health and safety reasons, in order to be accepted into and continue in the program, all children must be fully toilet trained, be able to attend to their own personal hygiene and have the ability to participate fully in a program that is informal and unstructured. If the MKA staff determines that a child does not appear to have the physical or developmental abilities to participate in the program, the staff will bring such concerns to the attention of the parents for further discussion regarding whether the child can remain in the program.



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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.com.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. — **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. — **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights — **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. — **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. — **Pre-school Story Time** (ages 2 to 5 and parents or caregivers) at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. — **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. — **Infants/toddlers** to age 2 and parents share rhymes, finger plays, songs, etc. at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru March. FMI: 743-5308.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7840). Drawing will be May 23, 2009.

Thursday, March 19

6 p.m. — **Potluck Supper and Singing** at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. All welcome. People welcome to bring guitar or other instrument. FMI: call Jane Moore at 583-4502.

Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20

Daffodil Bouquets will be on sale at Bethel Foodliner for benefit of the American Cancer Society.

Friday, March 20, 27

12 to 1 p.m. — **Ecumenical Lenten Lunch** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Following simple soup lunch short meditation/discussion on one of the Psalms. Everyone welcome to share this hour of fellowship.

Friday, March 20

5 p.m. till food gone — **Italian Dinner and Chinese Auction** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Adults \$6, under 12 \$4. To benefit Mystery 4-H Club's Service in Honduras. Hope to see you there!

Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21

7:30 p.m. — **A Celebration of Celebration Barn**, Buckfield.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Performing will be Barn alumni Fred Garbo, Karen Montanaro, Fritz Grobe, Davis Robinson, Amanda Huotara, Mike Miclon, etc., to benefit Celebration Barn Theater. FMI or tickets: call box office at 336-3306.

Saturday, March 21

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — **At Lovell United Church of Christ**, Route 5, Center Lovell: lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antiques, furniture, something for everyone. Table rental or information contact Linda Libby at 925-3661.

9 a.m. — **SWOAM** (Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine) will meet at Buckfield sugar operation of Roger Jackson on backside of Streaked Mountain. Bring snowshoes. FMI or directions: contact President Merle Ring at 674-3787.

24th annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon at Sunday River XC Ski Center (Nordic) and at Sunday River Ski Resort (alpine). Create a team or just come to play and support MHS for day. Lots of fun games and prizes. FMI: call 824-2410 or e-mail info@sundayriverinn.com for (Nordic) or www.skimhs.org.

Fundraising Buffet Luncheon by Andover Service Circle at first floor Andover Town Hall during town meeting lunch break. Suggested donation: \$5 per person. Homemade chowders, stews, chilies, breads, muffins and desserts.

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Public Supper** at United Parish Church, 77 Main Street, Harrison sponsored by Waterford World's Fair Association. Cost: \$7 adults and \$3 under 12. Menu: ham, potato, sweet potato, peas, string beans, rolls, homemade pies.

7 p.m. — **Black Diamond Entertainment Series: Wildlife Encounters** — Animal Interaction at its best, at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Meet animals such as African Desert Fox, American Alligator, Australian Sugar Glider, tarantulas, tree frogs, etc. Tickets: adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 at door; 12 and under, \$4 advance or \$6 at door, under 5 free. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

7 p.m. — **Hypnosis Show**, by Dr. Michael Hathaway at Telstar Middle/High School's Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Tickets (\$5 per person) available at door or in advance at Telstar Middle or High School offices. All ages welcome. Youths under age 18 require parental permission to participate on stage. Bring your parents or pick up a permission slip at Telstar High School or Middle School offices. Sponsored by Telstar Class of 2009 and SAD44 Wellness Team.

Sunday, March 22

7:30 to 11 a.m. — **Bethel Rotary Club All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet** at Gould Academy's Ordway Dining Hall. Tickets: \$7 in advance from club members, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, River View, Rostay, Mt. Mann, Ellie's Gym or Books 'N Things. \$8 at door. Proceeds benefit the club's community service projects and scholarships.

11 a.m. — **19th annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters Race**, Whitecap Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort to benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing. Watch teams of five firefighters skiing in full turnout gear and carrying a hose down the slope. FMI: (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com/eventscalendar.

Maine Maple Sunday. A complete listing of sugarhouses that participate available at www.getrealmaine.com/. FMI: contact Maine Dept. of Agriculture, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME or e-mail getrealmaine@maine.gov.

2 p.m. — **Mountain Top Music Orchestra** at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 255 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail Kieran@ncia.net.

7 p.m. — **Benefit Concert** for Brownfield Food Pantry at Fryeburg Congregational Church, 655 Main Street (Route 302). Admission by donation. Music by Katherine Rhoda and others.

Tuesday, March 24

4 to 7:30 p.m. — **Telstar Parent-Teacher Conferences**, parents/guardians call 824-2136, press 1, to schedule appointment.

March 24, 25, 26

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — **Indoor Rummage Sale** at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Proceeds benefit Resident Council. Donations graciously accepted.

Wednesday, March 25

4 p.m. — **At McLaughlin Garden**, Main Street, South Paris: "Trees — Anchor of the Landscape" by Rick Churchill, People Places and Plants Magazine. He will share some of his favorite trees, native and exotic. Snow date: TBA. Free. FMI: call 743-8820 or visit www.mclaughlingarden.org.

6 p.m. — **Healthy Eating on a Budget** at Millbrook Tavern, Bethel Inn sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. FMI: call R. Tift (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

Thursday, March 26

Mountain Poets meet at Fare Share Commons. All welcome. Discussion for April Too Cold for the Porch. April is National Poetry Month. FMI: call Rockie at 743-0583.

Friday, March 27

7 p.m. — **Scottish Peace and Social Justice Advocate**, the Rev. Peter Millar, minister in the Church of Scotland and international advocate for peace and social justice ministries, will speak at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Coffee and dessert provided.

7 p.m. — **Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 at door. Refreshments available. FMI: contact Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Saturday, March 28

7:30 p.m. — **At Celebration Barn Theater**, Buckfield: Return of **Skosh**, with original music, insane illusions, ridiculous costumes, crazy instruments, incredible amounts of smoke and occasional trumpet-playing monkey. All proceeds for Shane Miclon and Aaron Dewitt's Circus Smirkus summer tour. Tickets: \$5 available only at door. FMI: call 336-3306.

Sunday, March 29

Bowl for Kids' Sake at Oxford Lanes, Rumford, sponsored by Child Health Center Big Brothers Big Sisters to support Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program in River Valley Community. Form a team of four. FMI and to get team packets: call the Child Health Center at 743-7035.

Wednesday, April 1

5 to 7 p.m. — **Opening Reception** and power point talk/discussion of "Nature Fusion Process" by Arla Patch at Vox Photographs, Portland. Free, light refreshments. Patch's new book "Finding Ground: Girls and Women in Recovery." Other talks by Patch: Thursday, April 2, 10 to 11:30 p.m., April 20, 7:30 p.m., April 28, 10:30 a.m. FMI or to reserve and directions: call 890-0966, visit www.arlapatch.com or www.voxphotographs.com

5:45-6:45 p.m. — **Randy Judkins**, Maine's own character comedian and professional speaker will present his "Laughing In The Face of Change" free of charge at the Matterhorn Ski Bar on Sunday River Road, sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Norway Savings Bank. Arrive early and enjoy networking and light refreshments at 4:30 p.m.

6 p.m. — **Healthy Eating on a Budget** by Good Food Store at West Parish Congregational Church, sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. FMI: call R. Tift (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

7 p.m. — **Greenwood Historical Society** meeting at historical building. John Davis will present program on whales that were transported by train through Locke Mills in the late 1800s. Everyone welcome.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm. Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7-30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30am. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kids Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2288.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Leveseur. 364-4556. United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2087.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8938.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Keazars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2651.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Withney. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2890 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praisassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sandra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 8:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-9869 FMI.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

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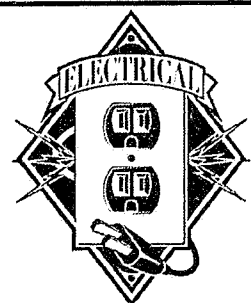
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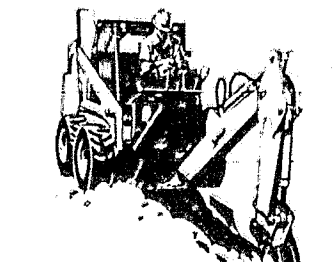
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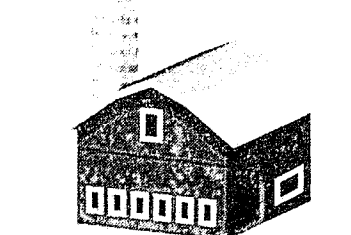
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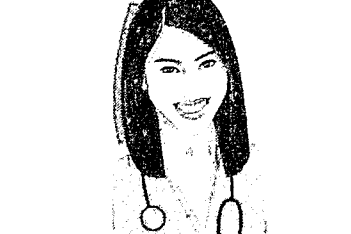
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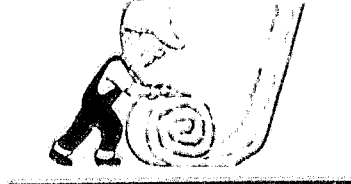
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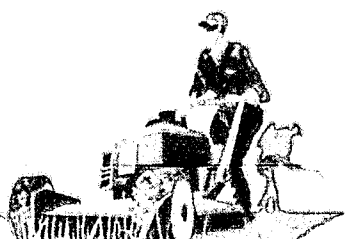
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clude a variety of projects ranging from dinner theaters to outdoor concerts and activities.

Kamil and Stacey Sahin of The Victoria Inn, Main Street, Bethel, will host a mystery dinner theater in mid-May with local thespians. Jeff and Patty Parsons of Bethel Outdoor Adventures offered to provide some performing opportunities for local artists once a month from June through September. Barry and Brooke Hallett of The Funky Red Barn in Bethel are considering monthly talent shows (remember the Gong Show) that may well bring out new faces with fresh acts. Timberlake Home Store, Bethel, may sponsor "porch plays," a series of one-act plays tentatively entitled "When the Parade Would Go By Our House Every Year About This Time We Would Gather on the Porch." The actors will hopefully wind their way up Main Street, Bethel, during Sudbury Canada Days.

Ross Timberlake, co-organizer, said BPAP hopes to accomplish an ongoing partnership between the performing arts community and the local business

community, schools, churches and non-profit organizations.

Timberlake said "we want to compile an inventory of performers with a variety of talent interested in becoming involved in some way with the performing arts and businesses and organizations interested in partnering with them."

Lynn Arizzi, co-organizer, said "there is a great array of local talent available in the community, which makes it possible for all of us to have inspiring artistic experiences right here at home in Bethel." She mentioned the recent play, "Strangers Among Us" about families facing Alzheimer's disease, which was powerfully performed by local thespians. She also cited the Bethel Inn's dinner theater held last fall where local performers presented the comedy, "Lefty on Trial," written in part by Timberlake, to a capacity audience at both a matinee and evening show. Timberlake said stage lights purchased for this show are available from BPAP to share with other interested performing groups in the community.

Both Timberlake and Arizzi plan to have ongoing talks with the interested parties

in attendance at Sunday's meeting. They also look forward to hearing from the Greater Bethel Community on ideas for participating and sponsorship of future projects, or helping to shape BPAP through advisory committee membership.

For more information, businesses may call Timberlake at 824-6545 and performers may call Arizzi at 824-0080.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Two seminars on local and regional history will be featured during March and April at the Bethel Historical Society.

On Saturday, March 28, to celebrate "Women's History Month," there will be several presentations on prominent Bethel area women. Society Executive Director Stanley R. Howe will discuss four women, Eva Bean, Ruth Crosby, Joan Kilborn and Erma Thurston Young, who wrote books on local and regional history. Cathy Newell, will discuss her booklet on Molly Ockett's

life and times. Finally, Kent Taylor, who was a friend of longtime Bethel resident, Pearl Ashby Tibbetts, will provide his insights into Mrs. Tibbetts' two historical novels, one published and the other unpublished.

On Saturday, April 18, the bicentenary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in 1809 will be celebrated with a general introduction to his life and times, but the discussion will move to focus on his relationship with New England. Not only was the 16th President's Vice President, Hannibal Hamlin from Maine and also born in 1809, but a number of his key advisors and close friends were New Englanders. Moreover, the President's favorite humorist was a native of Waterford, Maine. Lincoln traveled to New England on a number of occasions and told humorous stories about New Englanders. Society Executive Director, Stanley R. Howe, who has been collecting books on U.S. Presidents for more than thirty-five years will share some of his Lincoln collection with seminar participants and also discuss his New England connections.

These seminars are open to anyone interested

at a nominal fee of \$5 for society members and \$10 for nonmembers. High school and university students may attend the seminars without charge. To register, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2 910, or send an e-mail to info@bethelhistorical.org

With over 1,400 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

From Mundt-Allen Post & Unit 81

Bethel's Mundt-Allen Post 81 held their annual oyster stew supper at the post home on March 10. As he has for the past several years, Brian Strickland spent the afternoon whipping up his usual excellent stew for the crowd of 36 highly satisfied diners.

This was the first post dinner and meeting of the year in the post home, because the legion hall had been closed

down since December to save on heating oil. Everything seemed to be up and running good, and post finance officer Brian figures we saved at least \$1,200 on heating oil by not heating the hall over the winter.

The ladies of the Auxiliary performed their usual magic in providing lasagna (Nesta Littlefield and Cheryl Angevine) and a chicken pasta dish (Mona Grover) for those who "don't do oysters." Arlene Bean made her usual yummy cake to go with the ice cream for dessert.

After the meal, Commander Bob McCartney held a business meeting of the legionnaires present, where we discussed plans for putting out American flags on veterans' graves in the local cemeteries prior to Memorial Day with the assistance of local scout groups, nominations for post officers for the next year, approved the list of charitable organizations to which the post donates money every year, and the need to arrange for selecting recipients for the educational assistance awards for applying students for next year and for students (juniors) to attend Boys/Girls State during the June, 2009 session.

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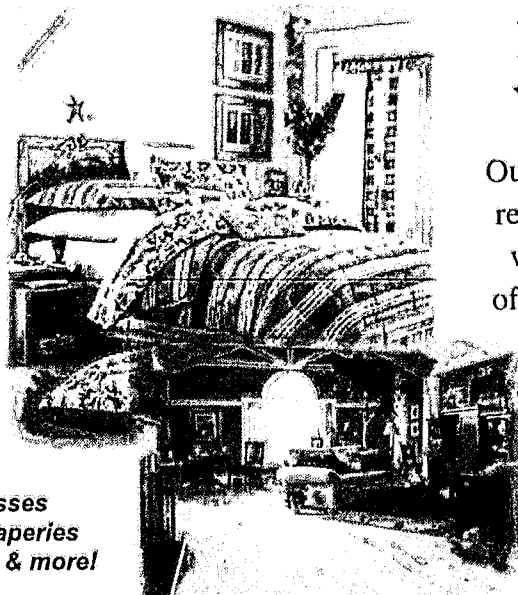
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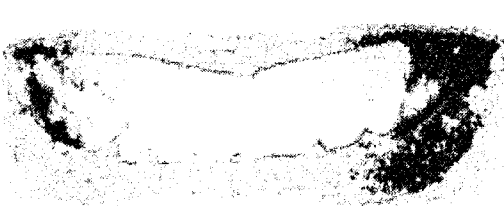
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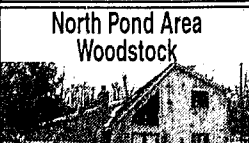
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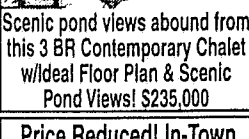
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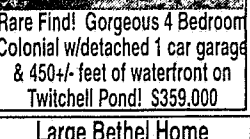
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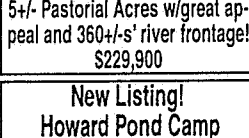
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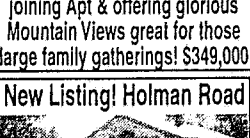
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Obituaries

CARL A. GLOVER

Carl A. Glover of Belfast died Feb. 28, 2009, at Maine Veterans' Home in Augusta. He was 91 years old.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in North Africa and received a Purple Heart for his wounds.

He enjoyed outdoor sports of all kinds and coached Little League baseball for many years. Carl enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He was always happy working in his garden or cutting his firewood. He was a big Red Sox fan. He attended many Belfast area sporting events. Carl very much liked having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around.

Carl is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean R. Glover of Belfast, son and his wife, David and Leslie Glover of Waldoboro; daughter and husband, Linda and Wayne Paul of Belfast; grandson and his wife, Craig and Kari Glover of Waldoboro and their two daughters, Ashley and Julia; three granddaughters, Rebecca and her husband Jerry Grover of Waldoboro and their two sons, Nicholas and Christopher; Tonya and her

husband Andy Hurd of Morrill and their two sons, Mason and Griffin; and Nicole Paul of Belfast; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother and father, Lula and John Glover of Rumford; two sisters, Gladys Glover of Rumford and Myra Crooker of East Andover; and two brothers, Edward Glover of Rumford and Howard Glover of East Andover.

A gathering of friends and family was held on Friday, March 6, at Crabel-Riposta Funeral Home, Belfast.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Belfast Area Booster Club, Belfast Area High School, 98 Waldo Avenue, Belfast, ME 04915.

RUTH K. BREWSTER

Ruth K. Brewster, 92, of Dunnellon, Fla., died Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in Crystal River, Fla.

She was born May 19, 1916, in Phillips, the daughter of

the late Theodore and Helen (Hunter) Knight. She worked as a retail salesperson. She moved to Dunnellon, Fla., from South Paris in 1973.

Survivors include three daughters, Patricia B. Jordan of Dunnellon, Fla., Carole Knight-Haley and Carolyn Knight-Raymond, both of Rangeley; nephew, Lawrence Knight of Phillips; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Wendell Brewster, former Gould Academy science teacher.

Inurnment for Mrs. Brewster and her husband, Wendell will take place in Maine on a later date. Friends who wish may send memorial donations to the Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Births

Carol and Richard Foster of Otisfield are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Ryck Albert Leaton Foster, born on March 3, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Chris Lamb of Oxford and Debbie Lamb of Poland.

Paternal grandparents are Marjorie Smith of Otisfield, "Skip" Sumner and Marie Sawyer of West Paris, and Fred Foster of Saco.

Ryck joins his sisters, Gabrielle, age 18, Kel-Sea, age 16, Adrianna, age 11, Karleigh, age 9, brother, Greydin, age 8, and sister, Matlynn, age 2.

Danielle and Robert Padgett of Bethel are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl, Autumn Chereigh Padgett, born March 3, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital weighing 8

pounds, 6 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Shirley and Frank Walker of North Norway, and the late Michael Gordon of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Cheryl and Melville Padgett of Williams, S.C.

Autumn joins a brother, Derek Wade Merrill, age 15, and two sisters, Chelsea Ann Merrill, age 13, and Christina Eve Padgett, age 2.

Marie (Lowell) and Matthew Silfer of Myrtle Beach, S.C., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Beatrice Silfer, born on Jan. 14, 2009 weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Lillian Williamson of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and David Lowell

of Newry, Maine. Great-grandparents are Frank and Bea Lowell of Newry.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Kathy Silfer of Syracuse, N.Y., and great-grandmother is Norma Haskins of Bath, N.Y.

Karen and Sam Saito of Bethel, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Silvia Saito, born on March 1, 2009 at Rumford Hospital weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents Tom and Peg Wheeler of Bethel, deceased.

Paternal grandparents are Hiro and Teddy Saito of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Silvia joins her sister, Audrey.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the business community for all of its donations to my benefit dinner. Also, I would like to thank the many, many people that brought food, donated time, items for raffle and auction, and participated in the raffles and auction. Without Amy the organizer, and Travis, Toni, Patrick, Audrey, Mandee, Candi and Billy as assistants, none of this would have been possible. Thank you! To Jewel Clark, Don Katlin, and Brandon "Elvis" Moore: your music helped bring joy to a very special gathering. Thank you! To the Funky Red Barn and its staff: thank you! What a wonderful atmosphere you provided. This was a benefit of love, happiness and support, and the warmth of the occasion was felt the minute you entered the building. Barry: your auctioning skills are awesome! Beyond all of the above, I thank you all for your love and support. It will help carry me through the next phase of my battle.

Leslie "Farmer" Robertson

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